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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 12 and 13 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 7-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 November 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-13 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As per claims 7 and 9, in line 6, the language “and/or” renders claims 7-11 vague and indefinite.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. Claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

As per claims 7-11, the claimed invention is not limited to a practical application. Steps A through F in claim 7, serving as example, are a sequence of mathematical operations for calculating remainders wherein the step of manipulating further includes the steps of multiplying, adding, and shifting. Viewed as a whole, the claimed invention merely converts one set of numbers into another set of numbers.

Also, the Freeman-Walter-Abele test has been relied upon in analyzing the claimed invention. Under the test, the claimed invention is rejected as a non-statutory method claim because it is a method directed solely to solving a mathematical operation. Nothing technological is accomplished.

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Furthermore, analyzing the claimed invention according to the principles set forth in State St. Bank & Trust Co. v. Signature Fin. Group, Inc., 149 F. 3d 1368, 1373, 47 USPQ2d 1596, 1600 (Fed. Cir. 1998), the Examiner finds that the remainders including the manipulation of such remainders produced by the implementation of the claimed steps do not produce a "useful, concrete and tangible result." Accordingly, claims 7-11 are rejected as claiming non-statutory subject matter.


Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-6 and 12-13 are allowable over the prior art of record.
6. Claims 7-11 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and the 35 U.S.C. 101 set forth above.
7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
5,140,596 (Welton, Jr.)
5,185,711 (Hattori)
5,935,269 (Kodama et al.)
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel L. Moise whose telephone number is (703)305-9763. The examiner can normally be reached on M-W and F-Sat (9:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on (703)305-9648. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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